Admission in PG medical courses

†2063. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to give preference to the doctors working in the rural areas for admission in the PG courses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to give preference to Doctors working in Rural Areas for admission in the PG Courses.

Polio cases in Karnataka

2064. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether polio has shown its ugly face in Karnataka once again; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to eradicate it in Karnataka in particular and in other States in general?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) After remaining polio free for two years Karnataka has reported 31 cases during 2003 from the month of May till date.

(b) In order to break the chain of transmission 3 mop-up round were undertaken in 11 affected districts during the month of July, September and November 2003.

Additional initiative taken during later part of 2002 and early 2003, has resulted in decline of polio cases from 1600 reported during 2002 to 2004 during 2003 till date. An Experts Team after reviewing the data have concluded that the polio transmission during 2003 has been lowest ever achieved before and had recommended for five Nationwide Pulse

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.